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SUBJ: GOA IMPOSES TARIFF QUOTAS ON WIDE  
RANGE OF APPAREL IMPORTS.

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1. SUMMARY: GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED MARCH 4 THAT,  
FOLLOWING CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS BY TEXTILES  
AUTHORITY OF INDUSTRIES ASSISTANCE COMMISSION (IAC),  
IT WAS INTRODUCING TARIFF QUOTAS ON VARIETY OF ITEMS  
OF APPAREL, SWIMWEAR, AND BABIES' DAIPERS. QUOTAS  
TOOK EFFECT MARCH 1, 1975 AND RUN UNTIL FEBRUARY 29,  
1976. MOST ITEMS AFFECTED NOT GATT-BOUND, AND U.S.  
EXPORTS TO AUSTRALIA ARE NOT SIGNIFICANT IN ANY ITEMS  
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AFFECTED. ABOVE-QUOTA RATES APPEAR TO BE EXTREMELY

HIGH. TEXT OF ANNOUNCEMENT FOLLOWS SEPTEL. END SUMMARY.

2. DESCRIPTION OF GOODS, QUOTA LEVELS, AND ADDITIONAL DUTY FOR ABOVE-QUOTA IMPORTS (IN DOLS A WHICH ON MARCH 6 VALUED AT DOLS US 1.3676) ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- A. MEN'S, YOUTHS', BOYS' SUITS: 45,000; DOLS 25 PER SUIT
- B. MEN'S, YOUTHS', BOYS' COATS; OTHER THAN SKI JACKETS, RAINWEAR AND PARKAS: 200,000; DOLS 15 PER GARMENT.
- C. MENS, YOUTHS, BOYS SHORTS: 800,000; DOLS 8 PER UNIT
- D. WOMENS, GIRLS, CHILDRENS AND INFANTS OUTER GARMENTS EXCEPT SWIMWEAR: 6 MILLION; DOLS 12 PER KILOGRAM
- E. WOMENS, GIRLS, AND INFANTS DRESSING GOWNS, KIMONOS AND BATH GOWNS AND MENS AND BOYS KNITTED DRESSING GOWNS, KIMONOS AND BATH GOWNS: 120,000; DOLS 9 PER GARMENT.
- F. SWIMWEAR: 50,000 DOZEN; DOLS 4 PER GARMENT.
- G. BABIES NAPKINS (DAIPERS): 50,000 DOZEN; DOLS 1 PER SQUARE METER.

3. ABOVE ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE APPLIED AS IN PREVIOUS CASES BY ESTABLISHING NEW TARIFF ITEM INCORPORATING ADDITIONAL SPECIFIC DUTY TO PROVIDE COMPOUND RATE AND BY-LAW FOR CONCESSIONAL ENTRY OF QUOTA AMOUNTS AT PRE-EXISTING LOWER DUTY RATE. QUOTAS WILL APPLY ON ALL GOODS LISTED CLEARED FOR IMPORT ON AND AFTER MARCH 1, INCLUDING APPAREL NOW IN TRANSIT OR IN BOND.

4. QUOTAS WILL BE ALLOCATED AMOUND INDIVIDUAL IMPORTERS ON BASIS THEIR IMPORT PERFORMANCE DURING THE TWO CALENDAR YEARS 1973 AND 1974. PERIOD APPARENTLY SELECTED TO SMOOTH OUT AMONG IMPORTERS SURGE OF IMPORTS WHICH TOOK PLACE IN 1974. IMPORTS ENTITLEMENTS WILL BE GLOBAL.

5. ONLY TWO ITEMS INVOLVED ARE GATT-BOUND (TO FRANCE AS INITIAL NEGOTIATOR ALTHOUGH PRINCIPAL SUPPLIERS ARE NOW TAIWAN AND HONG KONG). THOSE ARE TARIFF ITEMS 60.05.100 AND 61.02.110. GATT ARTICLE 19 NOTIFICATION WAS DESPATCHED ON MARCH 6, ACCORING TO DEPARTMENT OF OVERSEAS TRADE.

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6. TEXTILES AUTHORITY REPORT ON WHICH GOVERNMENT DECISION BASED IS BEING WITHHELD PENDING FURTHER DECISION ON ACTION TO BE TAKEN ON OTHER ITEMS COVERED IN REPORT. RELEASE EMPHASIZED TEMPORARY NATURE OF PRESENT MEASURES AND CAUTIONED LOCAL MANUFACTURERS NOT TO BASE FUTURE INVESTMENT DECISION ON ASSUMPTION THAT LEVELS ASSISTANCE PROVIDED WILL CONTINUE IN LONGER TERM.  
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